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Mr. Gray

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Mr. Merchant

Mr. Mann

Mr. Douglas

General Lansdale

DATES:

Nov. 19, 1960

CATEGORIES:

Mongoose

Special Group

OCCURRENCE: The Special Group heard Mr. Merchant state his opinion that the only solution is to move the Guatemalan train activities to the United States even though the U. S. could probably not get away with this either. A number of alternative base sites for the training of the Cubans was considered both in the United States, in Puerto Rico, active Classic on Salpan or in the Panama Canal zone. Mr. Douglas felt the "U. S. capability for intervention in Cuba will probably not be effective enough unless there is more overt participation than has been contemplated to date." "Mr. Grey supported this general position, stating that when the current Cuban plan was approved, the situation in that country was different than it is now. Since then, the Cubans have received sizeable amounts of bloc arms and have organized a malitia. Mr. Gray wondered how a few hundred exiles could be."
"Mr. Mann expressed the opinion that the way to proceed is to seal Cuba off from the rest of Latin America and settle down for a one- or two-year wait..."

SOURCE: Minutes of Special Group meeting Nov. 19, 1960.

STAFF: Bob Kelley

FILE:

DATE: June 29, 1975

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HARVEY, WILLIAM COMINT MONGOOSE

HELMS
MATAHAMBRE COPPER MINES

DATES:
CATEGORIES:
MONGOOSE

11/3/62

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MONGOOSE

11/3/62

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SOURCE: 11/14/62, Memorandum of William Harvey, (00757)

STAFF: PGW

6/30/75

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OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale states, "On October 30-31 for an 'Eyes Only' back-ground memorandum requested by Rosewell Gilpatric, information was requested from CIA on the current status of all operations. CIA reported all militant operations have been ordered held at a stop, although the volatile Cubans were frustrated and not under complete control. The Matahambre operation was not mentioned by the CIA in reporting in operational teams inside Cuba, although I asked for specifics on militant teams inside. Two action teams CIA reported as being inside Cuba were described as in place only collecting intelligence, not actions, (sabotage.etc.)*

**INB: A hand-written note next to the above statement by Lansdale reads, "Harvy/Chever say he did not ask."

SOURCE: 14 Nov 62 special memo for the Special Group Augmented, prepared by Brig. Gen. Lansdale (00761)

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PGW 6/30

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| OCCURRENCE: | | | | | | | _ |

MCCONE TESTIFIED that the SGA approved a program to contaminate with Carbon dust cylinders in trucks and locomotives which CASTRO has purchased from Europe. This was to be done at the time of shipment. The program met with some success. MCCONE could not recall where the actual sabotage of the purchased equipment took place (22-23).

McCone, Testimony, 6/6/75

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STAFF: Rhea

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CATEGORIES:

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MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE:

McCone testified that he recalled that activity to sabotage the shipment of spare parts from Canada to Cuba. He did not recall whether it was Wickers spare parts. (23).

SOURCE:

McCone, Testimony, 6/6/75

FILE:

STAFF:

Rhea

DATE: 6/27/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

Helms

Harvey

MCCONE

Dec 1961

Castro -

OCCURRENCE:

sometime in Dec of 1961, described to Halpern a meeting at the director's office in which McCone had stated that Melas would henceforth "be his man on Cuba." (13) told Malpern that Melas had no inkling that he swould be appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting (13). Sometime after the meeting Helms came to logbey's office, chekeed into the organization of logbests operations and directed that Cuba would be a separate activity and no longer part of the VIII Division (14).

SOURCE:

Halpern 6/18/75

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DATE:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

MCCONE BUNDY

FITZGERALD

OPAPICH **JESSUP RFK**

STEAKLEY **JMWAVE** VANCE

JMWAVE

DATES:

8/19/64 7/30/64 6/10/64

CATEGORIES:

SGA MONGOOSE **CASTRO**

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Baron, 7/1/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

MCCONE, HARVEY, RUZ

DATES:
July 10, 1962
June, 11, 1962
July 1, 1962
May 1962

MONGOOSE

CATEGORIES:

OCCURRENCE: Efforts were made to establish contact with Juana Castro Rug, half sisters of Fidel and Raul Castro Rug, half sisters cuban regime. According to Mrs. When the Lagrange Communist nature of the Ruz agreement to provide intelligence on the Cuban political leadership and obtained against the Cuban Communist regime, "short of engaging in activity which might result in direct personal harm to her brothers Raul and Fidel." Arrangements were being made for

SOURCE:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

SPECIAL GROUP AUCMENTED

MONGOOSE, (TAYLOR, (RFK) GOHNSON, GILPATRICK, (MCCONE) CARTER,

LEMNITZER, (LANSDALE) CLINE, PARROTT OCCURRENCE:

DATES:

July 12, 1962 July 20 - 1962

April 9, 1963

CATEGORIES:

Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE

(CARD ONE OF TWO)

Lansdale briefed the group on numbers of agents in Cuba. Air resupply proposal submitted by CIA "should be deferred pending broader review of the entire situation." Taylor noted if urgent need for air supply proposal could be made to the Special Group Augmented at any time. 'Mr. McCone emphasized that no high-level penetrations of the Cuban government have yet been attained." "The Attorney General inquired about the status of popular support for Castro, and also the possibility of a revolt against him." Lansdale replied, "There is no rallying point for active opposition." The AG and Johnson emphasize need to obtain hard intelligence on subversive activities by Castro in the hemisphere. A complete review of MONGOOSE was set toward the end of July. Taylor emphasized need for summaries of results "and a statement of future alternatives open to the U.S. should be developed." Looking into proposal to subsidize Japanese purchases of Dominican sugars so that the Japanese could divert these purchases from Cuba. McCone said that his experts had informed him that from a legal point of view

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

HELMS

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

SPECIAL GROUP MONGOOSE

July 25,1962

OCCURRENCE: Helms notes that McCone briefed the panel of the President's foreign intelligence advisory board on political action projects. He pointed out that each project must have his approval to the circulation to the members of the Special Group". For example, reconnasiance overflights are now approved. He noted covert financial support in Peruvian, Greek, Finnish, Italian, and Brazilian elections. Helms "read to the panel a paper on the operation Mongoose which the Director had used earlier in the day for giving a briefing to the President."

SOURCE: Memorandum for the record, re meeting on CA matters with the panel of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board of Helms, dated July 25, 1962 (00870)

STAFF:

diGenova

DATE:

7/2/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

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FITZGERALD MCCONE OPAPICH BUNDY

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

WAINWRIGHT, William LASH, A. M.

McCONE Cartos

McNAMARA SPECIAL GRP. (AUGMENTED) DATES:

August 10-11 1962 CATEGORIES:

CASTRO

OCCURRENCE:

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IG REPORT, 1967

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OCCURRENCE:

SGA discussed various possibilities of accomplishing reconaissance of Cuba, ranging from very low level coverage by tactical aircraft to high performance aircraft and drones. Overflights and peripheral flights were discussed.

It was agreed that the first priority is one high performance mission in the western part of \checkmark the island, to be accompanied by all out Elint support. Depending on the results of this, a number of similar searches may be mounted. First mission was later approved by higher authority, but the decision on the second proposition left open.

The entire package was to be discussed at the USIB, and by Chiefs on Wednesday, October 10th.

SOURCE:

| STAFF: | DATE: POV | FILE: Special Group Augmented and prepared by Thomas Parrot. | 6/20/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

JOHNSON KILPATRICK MCCONE ✓

Sept.16,1963

MONGOOSE SPECIAL GROUP

OCCURRENCE:

On September 16, 1963 a memorandum reported that "all members of the special group have approved project OARAGE (having to do with certain Fibro activities) in the area of Cuba.)"

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SOURCE:

Memorandum dated 16 September 1963 for members of the Special Group from Mr. Parrott

FILE:

STAFF:

Kelley

DATE:

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Bundy Thompson

Vance McCone 🗸

Desmond Fitzgerald OCCURRENCE:

DATES: July 23, 1964 CATEGORIES:

Duvalier

Special Group/303

On July 23, 1964 the 303 Committee met and discussed Haiti. "At the present time there is no U.S. involvement with the insurgency effort against the Duvalier regime." The Committee approved the passage of approximately \$10,000 on a mon-activibutable

besis to Father Jean Baptiste Georges in the Dominean Republic which "inight serv nl pumpose Ambassador Thompson noted that "The Dominican government had formerly requested U.S. assistance in getting lather Georges and his colleagues to

move out of the Dominican Republic."



SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record, July 24, 1964, Minutes of 303 Committee meeting, July 23, 1964 Cage

STAFF:

Kelley

June 30, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

WAIDNWRITGHT, WAILLIam LASH, A. M.

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

BISSELL **DULLES** GRAY MERCHANT 🗸 Aug. 12, 1960

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE Special Group

OCCURRENCE:

On August 12, 1960 the Special Group heard a summary of the budget for Cuban operations from MR. BISSELL. Approximately 13 million dollars were required to finance Cuban operations for the fiscal year and a balance of 10-3/4 was necessary for the remainder of the fiscal year. Major subheadings in the budget were (1) political action, (2) propaganda, (3) paramilitary, (4) intelligence collection, (5) counterintelligence, (6) communications support, (7) support.

It was agreed "This matter should be laid before the appropriate higher authorities and a presentation would be arranged hopefully within the next 10 days. This was believed to be wise, not because any (continued)

SOURCE:

STAFF:

Minutes o August 12, 1960

DATE: Robert Kelley June 29, 1975

FILE: Cage

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

MURPHY KILPATRICK **MCCONIT**

FITZGERALD

LYMAN

DATES: 4/23/63

CATEGORIES:

CUBA

SPECIAL GROUP

OCCURRENCE: OCCURRENCE: Murphy asked Fitzgerald whether Castro's immediate entourage had been penetrated. Fitzgerald replied that Castro's states worked for its built

SOURCE:

Memorandum, dated 4/23/63, prepared by Lyman and Kilpatrick.

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SPECIAL GROUP AUGMENTED, MONGOOSE, CANSDALE TAYLOR, JOHNSON, GIL-PATRICK, MCCONE, RFK, LEMNITZER

DATES:

July 5, 1962

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented

JFK Mateos, Lopez

OCCURRENCE: President Kennedy's visit to Mexico greatly enhanced U.S. goodwill in Mexico. It fulfilled U.S. plans to impress upon Castro that Mexico is solidly with the United States and the West. State believes this should ease the way for future discussions about Cuba with the Mexicans. Re: Operation MONGOOSE, the joint communique issued by President Kennedy and President Lopez Mateos included a phrase which was 'They proposed to respect and maintain the principles of non intervention--whether this intervention may come from a continental or extracontinental state--and of self-determination of peoples." In response to a Lansdale query, the Department of State noted that "There were no developments resulting from the President's trip to Mexico including the text of the joint United States-Mexico communique which alter the basic guidelines which govern the Cuba Project." Lansdale noted that the CIA now had As Assans in Havana operating. In addition there are agents and teams in the provinces. "Voice of Cuba" broadcasts from the U.S. Navy submarine were successful. "It is noted that UPI carried this news item but spiced it up with added stories of Castro's use of militia against guerillas in Mantanzas.

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MONGOOSE progress from Lansdale, July 5, 1962 (00406-00408) FILE:

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July 1, 1975 DATE:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

SPECIAL GROUP AUGMENTED MONGOOSE. TAYLOR, RFK, JOHNSON, MARTIN GILPATRICK, LEMNITZER, MCCONE, -PARROTT, LANSDALE, HURWITCH

DATES:

July 19, 1962

CATEGORIES:

Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: McCone explained the situation which has resulted in a group led by Senor Bosch acquiring B-26's which are now in Costa Rica prepared to conduct a bombing raid on Cuba. The group discussed a draft State Department cable to various Latin American embassies related to this incident. It was agreed that the point should be made in the cable that any such contemplated raid would be premature at this time. Disassociation of the United States from any such endeavor was to be accomplished by leaking stories of the impending raid to the press.

SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record, Minutes of meeting of the Special Group (Augmented) on Operation MONGOOSE, 19 Fule: 1962 (00033)

STAFF:

di Genova July 2, 1975 DATE: